



S. 188 – To revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006

FLOOR SITUATION

S. 188 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Ken Salazar (D-CO) on January 4, 2007. The Senate passed the bill, as amended, by unanimous consent on February 15, 2007. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on December 4, 2007, but was never considered.

S. 188 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 9, 2008.

SUMMARY

S. 188 modifies the title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 to include the following people: Cesar Chavez, Barbara Jordan, William Velasquez, and Dr. Hector Garcia.

BACKGROUND

The Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 reauthorized and amended the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It passed the House by a vote of 390 to 33 and passed the Senate by a vote of 98 to 0 in July 2006. The President signed the bill into law (P.L. 109-246) on July 27, 2006.

Cesar Chavez was born in Arizona in 1927. He was a civil rights leader and co-founded the National Farm Workers Association. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994. Barbara Jordan, who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1973-1979, was the first African American woman to represent a Southern State in the House. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994.

William Velasquez was also a civil rights leader. He founded the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project and is also known for his work promoting voters' rights and encouraging the political participation of Hispanic Americans. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995. Hector Garcia was a civil rights pioneer, who founded the American GI Forum. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984.

COST

The Congressional Budget "estimates that enacting S. 188 would have no significant effect on the federal budget." ([CBO Estimate for S. 188](#))

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